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SUBJECT: MTN AGRICULTURE SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN

1. THE ISSUE OF SUBGROUP CHAIRMEN WILL BE DISCUSSED AT GATT 7 PLUS 7 MEETING ON THURSDAY MAY 15, BUT MAY NOT BE RESOLVED AT THAT TIME.
2. THE U.S. DOES NOT SUPPORT AN APPROACH WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE SECRETARIAT CHAIR ALL SUBGROUPS. OUR APPROACH IS STILL ONE OF THE BEST PERSON AVAILABLE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD BE CHOSEN. IN LINE WITH THIS APPROACH WE HAD SUGGESTED MINER (CANADA), DONOVAN (AUSTRALIA) AND MOORE (UK) FOR GRAINS: FALCONER FOR MEAT.
3. THE AGRICULTURE GROUP CHAIRMAN PATTERSON HAS SUGGESTED PRIVATELY SECRETARIAT MEMBER KRAUS CHAIR GRAINS SUBGROUP AND LUCQ CHAIR MEAT AND DAIRY SUBGROUPS.
4. FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE GRAINS SUBGROUP, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WORK IS GOING ON IN LONDON AND GENEVA AND WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE FOLDED TOGETHER, OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE PARROTE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE IWC. THE GRAIN RESERVES DISCUSSIONS WILL GO FORWARD UNDER IWC AUSPICES. PARROTE HAS AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AS AN AUTHORITY

IN THE GRAINS AREA. HE IS ALSO A NATIVE OF BELGIUM. WE COULD ALSO ACCEPT (A) DONOVAN OF AUSTRALIA, CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO THE EC OR (B) MOORE, PARROTTE'S PREDECESSOR AT THE IWC, WHO IS A NATIVE OF THE UK. WE WILL CHECK ON MOORE'S AVAILABILITY AND CONFIRM BEFORE MEETING. MTN GENEVA REQUESTED TO RECONFIRM DONOVAN'S AVAILABILITY. IF NO PERMANENT CHAIRMAN CAN BE AGREED ON BY KEY DELEGATIONS BEFORE MAY 26 GAINS SUBGROUP MEETING, WE WILL SUPPORT PATTERSON SERVING AS INTERIM CHAIRMAN. WE WOULD OPPOSE PLACING ANOTHER SECRETARIAT PERSON AS INTERIM CHAIRMAN AS THIS APPOINTMENT MIGHT TEND TO BECOME PERMANENT IF A DEAD-LOCK DEVELOPS.

5. FOR THE MEAT SUBGROUP OUR PREFERENCE REMAINS BILL FALCONER (NEW ZEALAND), WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE GATT CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON MEAT.

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6. FOR THE DAIRY SUBGROUP WE DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC PERSON IN MIND. HOWEVER WE COULD ACCEPT SOMEONE OF RECOGNIZED COMPETENCE THAT MIGHT BE SUGGESTED BY SOME OTHER DELEGATION.
7. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SOUND OUT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR OUR PREFERENCES FOR SUB-

GROUP CHAIRMEN AND ASCERTAAN INSTRUCTIONS BEING GIVEN TO
THEIR DELEGATIONS AND ADVISE US AND U.S. MTN DEL ASAP. KISSINGER

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